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FOLLOWING REPEAT JERUSALEM 2032 ACTION SECSTATE JUL 27.

QUOTE: S E C R E T JERUSALEM 2032

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FOR NEA SAUNDERS FROM ATHERTON

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (ATHERTON, ALFRED L., JR.)
SUBJECT: PREPARATION FOR ATHERTON TRIP TO EGYPT

REF: CAIRO 17776

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1. SADAT'S LETTER BRINGS INTO CLEARER FOCUS FACT THAT MAIN PURPOSE
OF MY TALKS IN EGYPT MAY WELL HAVE TO BE TO PERSUADE SADAT TO AGREE,

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OR GIVE HIM RATIONALE FOR AGREEING, TO SFM TALKS BEFORE SECRETARY
COMES OUT HERE. I DO NOT THINK SECRETARY SHOULD COME UNTIL WE HAVE
THAT AGREEMENT FROM SADAT. WE HAVE A NUMBER OF THINGS TO THINK
THROUGH, INCLUDING WHAT THE BEST TACK IS TO BRING SADAT AROUND, AND
HOW WE RELATE OTHER PURPOSES OF MY VISIT TO WHAT NOW BECOMES THE
MOST URGENT TASK OF GETTING HIM TO BACK OFF THE LATEST LIMB HE HAS
GOT HIMSELF OUT ON AND TO AGREE ON ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS.

CLEARLY WE WILL NEED TO REPLY TO SADAT'S LETTER, AND I WANTED
FLAG FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION THOUGHT
THAT IT MIGHT BE MOST EFFECTIVE IF I COULD DELIVER PRESIDENT'S
REPLY TO SADAT TO STRENGTHEN PRESENTATION I WILL BE MAKING
TO HIM. THIS WOULD MEAN HAVING REPLY IN CAIRO AND
ALEXANDRIA FIRST THING SATURDAY MORNING FOR MEETING WHICH
HERMANN TELLS US IS TENTATIVELY SCHEDULED FOR LATER THAT
MORNING IN ALEXANDRIA.

2. WE WILL BE PREPARING TALKING POINTS FOR OUR MEETINGS
IN EGYPT TOMORROW (FRIDAY). WOULD THEREFORE APPRECIATE ANY
GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT MAY WISH TO GIVE US BY
OPENING OF BUSINESS IN JERUSALEM FRIDAY.

3. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT TO CAIRO.
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UNQUOTE CHRISTOPHER

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